सवाल यह है कि आज इतने गंभीर तरीके से बात हुई अगर कोई मसले कोई ऐसी समस्याएं आप के दिमाग में हैं इस वक्त बोलने के लिए,अगर धीरे-धीरे एक एक मिनट सब बोल दें तो हमारी रेलवे की गाड़ी बराबर चलती रहेगी ।

Re : *Investigation into the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi.*

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER (GUJARAT): Madam Deputy Chairperson, the matter that I am raising relates to our serious concern on the conduct of investigation into the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi on 21st May 1991. Madam, the Matter appeared in the *Indian Express* yesterday which all of us seem to have overlooked. It mentions about the expertise of Dr. R. P. S. Chhonkar, an expert in Digital Image Processing, who seemed to have been originally approached on 12th September, 1991, by DIG Shri Kumar of SIT with a few photographs and video images taken on the day of the assassination before the CBI could contact the National Informatics Centre in February, 1992. This officer seems to be an expert and was working in the National Informatics Centre. It appears that Dr. Chhonkar could have unearthed a lot of hidden facts, as to where exactly 'Dhanu' hid the bomb, the nature and shape of the explosive, its size, who amongst the crowd at Sriperumbudur talked to her, who sat with her, near her, behind her, ahead of her. These would have helped in identifying the witnesses who either saw her or had talked to her before she triggered the strap bomb.

The CBI had contacted Dr. Chhonkar first before contacting the National Informatics Centre. It is also said in the newspaper that Dr. Chhonkar was sacked on 26th May, 1992 alleged by after he had insisted that he wanted to help the SIT and the higher-ups did not agree. This gives us an indication that the investigation was not allowed to have its own course and an impression goes that the investigation was not fair and an attempt was made to gag the investigation itself. A perfunctory investigation leads to a sense of wrongful justice through the trial in the court. Even today many of us speak about the very perfunctory, investigation that was carried out into the assassination case of Mrs. Gandhi. This is a serious matter and if we have not been able to take care of proper investigation into the assassination of a national leader of the status of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, it is a slur on our democracy. I would urge upon the Government to investigate and enquire and make a clear statement in Parliament in public interest as to what exactly happened and the doubts that are raised in the minds of a large number of people must be erased and removed. Otherwise, an impression goes that an improper investigation was carried out in the case of our late beloved leader. When this happens in the case of a national leader of the status of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, I am not sure how the investigation could be relied upon with reference to matters where the interests of the common people are involved. I am sure the Government will go deeper into it and make a statement in Parliament.

Thank you very much.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया (बिहार) : महोदया, शिवशंकर जी ने जो मांग की है, जो भी मुद्दा उठाया है, मैं उसमें उसके साथ पूरी तरह सहमत होते हुए आपके द्वारा सरकार से मांग करता हूं कि इस मुद्दे पर पूरी तरह से इन्क्वायरी करके सरकार इस सदन के सामने रिपोर्ट पेश करे, जिससे कि सदन उस पर बहस कर सके । साथ ही यह भी जानने की जरूरत है कि कौन वह लोग हैं, जिन्होंने डा० सोनकर की इन सारी बातों की अवहेलना करते हुए और उनके साथ दुर्व्यवहार किया ? दुर्व्यवहार इस हद तक किया कि उनको पद से च्युत किया गया । इस सारी खबर की पूरी खोजबीन करके इस सदन के सामने रिपोर्ट पेश करने की मैं मांग करता हूं ।

श्री अमीत जोगी (मध्य प्रदेश) : महोदया यह बहुत गंभीर मामला है । (व्यवधान)

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश) : महोदया, यह बहुत गंभीर मामला है और हम भी अपने आपको इस बात से संबद्ध करते हैं । माननीय मंत्री जी से हम यह जानना चाहते हैं कि वह कौन से आधार थे, जिस आधार पर डा० सोनकर से एस० आई० टी० ने राजीव गांधी असेसिनेशन में मदद नहीं ली और उनसे जानकारी प्राप्त नहीं की ? क्योंकि जब-जब भी राजीव गांधी हत्याकांड का मसला उठा है कई बार यह बात आई है कि यदि महत्वपूर्ण तथ्य किसी भी माध्यम से हमको प्राप्त हो सकें तो हमको प्राप्त करने में किसी भी प्रकार की हिचकिचाहट नहीं करनी चाहिए । कौन-सी वजह है कि डा० सोनकर, जिसने एस० आई० टी० को प्राप्त सबूत राजीव गांधी असेसीनेशन के बारे में देने की जिज्ञासा प्रकट की थी तो न केवल उससे प्राप्त सबूत ही लिए गए बल्कि उसके विपरीत उसको नौकरी से भी निकाल दिया गया ? तो न केवल उससे पर्याप्त सबूल लिए गए बल्कि उसके विपरीत उसको नौकरी से निकाल दिया दिया । यह बहुत ही गंभीर मामला है । माननीय मंत्री जी, इस संबंध में कृपा-पूर्वक स्पष्टीकरण देंगे, ऐसा मेरा निवेदन है और उन परिस्थितियों से भी अवगत कराएंगे जिन परिस्थितियों की वजह से उसको नौकरी से हटा दिया गया ?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (PONDICHERRY) : Madam, the case has been delayed ...(*Interruptions*)... The Verma Commission's Report also has mentioned this ...(*Interruptions*)... A new technology has been developed and the CBI can make use of it is so that the entire truth can come out as to who are all the people who are involved in this. I want the Home Minister to react to this... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I think the Home Minister is going to say something; he was about to say something.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (TAMIL NADU) : Madam, the Verma Commission's Report has been placed on the Table of the House. But the House has not found time to discuss that Report. I demand that the Verma Commission's Report should be discussed as early as possible.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I know that there have been demands like this.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, there has been no followup action also... (*Interruptions*) ... No follow-up action has been taken also... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (GUJARAT) : Madam, Shrimati Margaret Alva said on the floor of the House that she would come back to the House before it went into recess and tell us as to which portion of the Verma Commission's Report has been accepted and which portion has not been accepted. We have a right to know...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (RAJASTHAN) : Madam, they have accepted the findings of this Commission. What action has the Government taken on this ? We have not got copies of the Report as yet and we do not have copies ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN (TAMIL NADU) : Madam, I asked for a copy of that Report and I applied for it. There is no reply. ...(*Interruptions*)... I applied for it and only recently I have been told by the Secretary-General that he has sent it to the Home Minisrty. I have not received any reply so far. We have not seen it. We do not know what portion has been accepted and what portion of it has not been accepted. There is another Commission also ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Home Minister.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN : Madam, I want to have a copy of it.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : Madam, with regard to the first part of the question, I must express my gratitude to my honourable friend, Shri Shiv Shankerji, for he has brought this matter before this House. I am sure that if this matter had been brought before the House much earlier, before the case was submitted to the Court, may be that we would have taken action. But the Home Ministry does not directly come into the picture. It is for the CBI and the SIT which was appointed by the CBI. It is their responsibility. I will pass on this information and try to see that we get all the information and will request them to make a statement on this ... (*Interruptions*) ... About the Verma Commission's Report,... (*Interruptions*) ...

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal) : The CBI is under the Prime Minister ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : It will be referred to the Prime Minister, either the Prime Minister or the Minister of State who helps him in this matter... (*Interruptions*) ... As regards the Verma Commission's Report, the Report and the Report on the action taken by them have been placed on the Table of the House and copies are available. If by any chance any honourable Member has not received a copy,... (*Interruptions*) ...

SOME HON. MEMBERS : None has received it... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI N. E. BALRAM (Kerala) : Nobody has got it... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : It is not available anywhere... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Even at this stage I can assure the honourable Members that we will see to it that it is available. ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : It is not available even in the Library. The other day I went to the Library and it is not available... (*Interruptions*) ...

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मंम अफजल : मैडम कल मैंने यह मामला उठाया था श्री अर्जुन सिंह जी का ... **(व्यवधान)**

†[شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل : میڈم، کل میں نے یہ مسئلہ اٹھایا تھا کہ شری ارجن سنگھ جی کا ... "مداخلت" ...]

श्री एस० एस० अहलूवालिया : महोदया, अभी मंत्री महोदय ने हमारे सवालों के जवाब में जो कुछ कहा है, यह दुर्भाग्य की बात है कि मंत्री महोदय कह रहे है कि वर्मा कमीशन की रिपोर्ट सब्मिट होने से पहले अगर सदस्य बता देते तो अच्छा होता । यह रिपोर्ट बता देने का सवाल ... **(व्यवधान)** एक सरकारी कर्मचारी पहले से ही आफर दे रहा है .... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री एस० वी० चव्हाण : दाखिल होने से पहले की बात बोल रहे हैं ।

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : नहीं, कोर्ट में दाखिल होने से पहले वह सरकारी चैनल से बात कर रहे थे । वह कौन से लोग थे, हमने यही मांग की है । वह कौन से लोग थे जो इसके लिए जिम्मेदार हैं ?

श्री एस० वी० चव्हाण : आप इतनी जोर से बोल सकते हैं, मैं भी बोल सकता हूं । लेकिन आप जरा सुनने की मेहरबानी कीजिए । जो चीज आज हाऊस के नोटिस में लाई गई है, अगर यह चीज 6 महीने पहले या 8 महीने पहले होती तो उसका फायदा होता । इतना ही मतलब है उसका, उससे ज्यादा कोई मतलब नहीं है ।

श्री पी० शिव शंकर : मैडम, मैं एक बात निवेदन करना चाहता हूं । लीडर आफ दि हाऊस, जो फरमा रहे हैं, वह बिल्कुल सही है । लेकिन यह कल के अखबार में आया है तो मालूम पड़ा । इसी वास्ते मैंने इसको आज उठाया है ।

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : मैडम, मैंने कल अर्जुन सिंह जी का मामला उठाया था . . . . (**व्यवधान**)

[شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل : میڈم، میں نے کل ارجن سنگھ جی کا معاملہ اٹھایا تھا . . . "مداخلت" . . .]

उपसभापति : एक मिनट ।

श्री अफजल मोहम्मद उर्फ मीम अफजल : मैडम, मेरी दरख्वास्त है कि मुझको इजाजत दी जाए । मैं सबसे पहले यहां पर खड़ा हुआ था और आपने मुझे इजाजत दी थी इसके लिए ।

[شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل : میڈم میری درخواست ہے کہ مجھ کو اجازت دی جائے ۔ میں سب سے پہلے یہاں پر کھڑا ہوا تھا اور آپ نے مجھے اجازت دی تھی اس لئے ۔]

उपसभापति : हां, मैं इजाजत दूंगी ।

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : मैडम, आज अर्जुन सिंह जी का खुद यह बयान आया है और यू० एन० आई० ने इसको रिलीज किया है . . (**व्यवधान**)

[شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل : میڈم۔ آج ارجن سنگھ جی کا خود بیان یہ آیا ہے ۔ اور یو۔ این آئی نے خود اس کو ریلیز کیا ہے . . . . "مداخلت" . . . .]

श्री अजीत जोगी : जानकारी प्राप्त करना तो इन्वैस्टिगेटिंग एजेंसी का काम था । अगर थे एक महत्वपूर्ण साक्ष्य है, सबूत है, तो उसको इन्हें कंसीडर करना था । उन्होंने कंसीडर नहीं किया है । आज अगर इंडियन एक्सप्रैस या कोई माननीय सदस्य इसको जानकारी में ला रहे हैं तो यह कोई एक्सक्यूज नहीं बनता है कि सी० बी० आई० इतने महत्वपूर्ण साक्ष्य को ध्यान में न ले । पूरा सदन इस पर चिंतित है और इस पर गंभीरता से विचार करके, सारे तथ्य इकट्ठे करके हमें खबर देनी चाहिए ।

Re Judgement of the Land Reforms Tribunal of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar) : Madam, we have just . . . (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL (Uttar Pradesh) : Madam, I should also be given a chance.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Sure. Wait a minute.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Madam, we have remembered in humility and with gratitude the martyrs of the freedom movement a little while ago in this House, and the high standards and norms which they had set up. I had raised also in the last session in this House an issue of ethics and said that for those of us who are in public life, there should be an Ethics Committee of Parliament which will enquire into various issues. It is not that ethics and moral values have completely vanished. We have in this Government itself the shining examples of Mr. Madhavrao Scindia and Mr. P. Chidambaram who quit their ministerial jobs when certain issues were brought to light and they felt that as Ministers they should take the responsibility. The question, Madam Deputy Chairman, which I am raising is : Can anyone who has been guilty by a court of falsifynig records or submitting false records, occupy any position in Government ? ** **

[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.